

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
HIALEAH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE  
FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES'  
LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE, BY URGING  
THAT CONGRESS INCREASE FUNDING  
FOR THE COMMUNITY ORIENTED  
POLICING SERVICES (COPS) PROGRAM.

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah pledge their support for the Florida League of Cities' legislative initiative by urging Congress to increase funding for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program; and

**WHEREAS**, the COPS program currently provides \$542 million in assistance to local law enforcement agencies to help fund crime prevention programs, school safety, technology initiatives, and other local law enforcement programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the COPS program has helped revolutionize law enforcement training, funded the cost of more than 100,000 police officers, increased crime fighting technologies, and, in general, dramatically improved the functioning of local law enforcement agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the President's proposed budget for 2008 would consolidate the COPS program with other law enforcement grant programs, and significantly decrease overall funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 1700, which increased funding for the COPS program to \$1.15 billion in each of the next six fiscal years, beginning in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding increase includes up to \$600 million annually for officers hired to perform intelligence, anti-terrorism, or homeland security duties, \$350 million annually for technology grants, and up to \$200 million annually to help local district attorneys hire community prosecutors; and

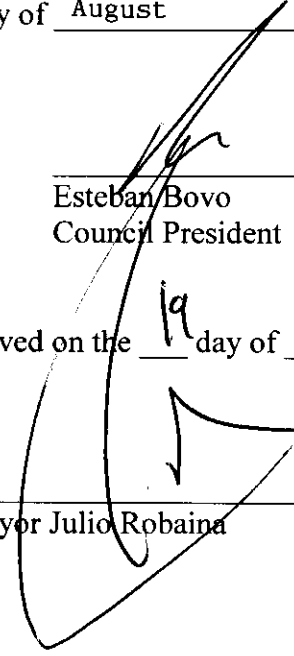
**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee approved the companion bill, S. 368, but the bill has not yet been considered by the full Senate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

**Section 1.** The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

**Section 2.** The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida, support the Florida League of Cities' legislative initiative, by urging that Congress increase funding for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

  
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Esteban Bovo  
Council President

Attest:

Approved on the 19 day of August, 2007.

  
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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

  
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Mayor Julio Robaina

Approved as to legal sufficiency and form:

  
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William M. Grodnick, City Attorney

Resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote with Councilmembers Bovo, Caragol, Casals-Muñoz, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Miel and Yedra voting "Yes".

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